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## **CIVIL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT PROCEDURES**

### **REMOTE HEARINGS**

- Will be scheduled for hearing on the WebEx platform
- Remote hearings will be conducted in the personal meeting room assigned to courtroom 4130 at <https://nccourts.webex.meet/meckcr4130.sh>.
- Four 90 minute blocks will be scheduled each day beginning at 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 2:30p.m.
- The Clerk of Superior Court will schedule five return hearings in each of three 90-minute blocks of time for a total of 15 remote return hearings each day.

#### **EX-PARTE FILING AND SCHEDULING**

- Safe Alliance assisted complaints seeking Ex-Parte relief will be scheduled for virtual hearing on the WebEx Platform using the personal meeting room assigned to courtroom 4130.
- All virtual Ex-Parte hearings will be scheduled for hearing during a 90-minute block of time Monday-Friday beginning at 1:30pm.

#### **RETURN HEARING SCHEDULING**

- Return hearings will be presumptively scheduled for remote hearing. Parties may file a motion to be exempted from the remote hearing presumption. After a judicial determination that a case meets criteria for exemption, the matter will be scheduled for in-person hearing in CR4110.
- The Clerk of Superior Court will maintain a cap of 15 cases per day for cases scheduled for virtual return hearing.
- The Clerk of Superior Court will schedule five cases for virtual return hearing in each of three 90-minute blocks as follows: five cases at 9:00am; five cases at 10:30am and five cases at 2:30pm.
- Parties will receive instructions for joining the virtual court session with the Notice of Hearing.

#### **VIRTUAL HEARING PROCEDURES**

- Within five minutes of the start of the hearings, the presiding judge will provide an orientation to virtual hearing procedures and conduct a docket call to identify the parties who are present and give additional instructions as necessary.
- Call-in users will be instructed to attempt to join the session on the WebEx platform and will be permitted to participate by phone if they are unable to access the platform.
- The assistant deputy clerk assigned to the virtual session will move plaintiffs who are waiting for their case to be called to a breakout room and defendants will be moved to a separate breakout room.

### **IN-PERSON HEARINGS**

#### **EX-PARTE HEARINGS**

- In-person ex-parte hearings will be held in Courtroom 4110
- Plaintiffs who file for ex-parte relief before 10:30am will be directed to courtroom 4110 for hearing during the morning session of court.





- Plaintiffs who file for ex-parte relief between 10:30am and 1:00pm will be directed to 4110 for hearing during the afternoon session of court.

#### RETURN HEARINGS

- In-Person return hearings will be scheduled for hearing in Courtroom 4110 at 9am.
- The Clerk of Superior Court will maintain a cap of 10 cases per day for in-person return hearings.
- Return hearings scheduled in Courtroom 4110 and continued should be presumptively rescheduled for virtual hearing unless the presiding judge finds that the presumption is overcome and the matter should be scheduled for in-person hearing.

